forwarded to the US Government. A revised request, in conformity with the requirements of the Extradition Treaty with USA in the final stages of preparation.

Wildlife Semen Bank

1098. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to open a wildlife semen bank, to store semen and egg samples of all the endangered species of animals in the country;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this direction;

(c) if not, whether it is worried that certain species would come on the endangered list or become extint; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A "Laboratory for Conservation of Endangered Species (LACONES)" is being established at Hyderabad under the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) for undertaking research on biotechnological interventions for conservation of wildlife. Cryopreservation of sperm and ova of endangered species is one of the components of the proposed research programme.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Haze over India

1099. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report has pointed out that a thick brown haze forms over India